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Applicant hereby requests an oral hearing in the above-identified matter. This request is being made within two months of the second Supplemental Examiner's Answer mailed March 11, 2003 and is therefore within the time set by 37 C.F.R. § 1.194(b).

Our check in the amount of \$140.00 covering the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(d) is enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 06-2380, under Order No. 61135/P012US/10105074.

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